

Our Mission

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

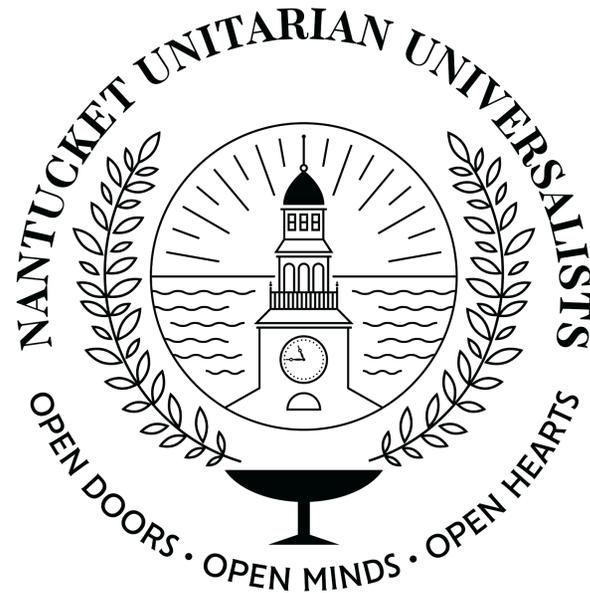
Open minds for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.

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Second Congregational Meeting House Unitarian Universalist



Sunday Morning Participants

Reverend Erin Splaine (*she/her*)

Wren Bellavance-Grace (*she/they*)

Nigel Goss, Music Director

Barbara Elder, Substitute Musician

The Meeting House Choir

Rosemary McLaughlin, Tech Assistant

***Inhale
December 14th, 2025***

Order of Service

Gathering Music *The Snow Lay on the Ground* (Venite Adoramus)
arr. by Thomas Keesecker

Welcome Janice Ellesworth (*she/her*)
Board of Trustees

Doxology All
*From all that dwell below the skies,
Let faith and hope with love arise,
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.*
- Isaac Watts (composite)

Prelude *The Holly and the Ivy* (16th Century English Carol)
arr. by Phillip Keveren

Opening Words Rev. Erin Splaine (*she/her*)

Lighting the Chalice
In these wild, historic and uncertain times, we gather to remember who we are, who we belong to, and what we are called to do. As we light this chalice, we kindle the spirit of the great turning: the movement for justice alive in this nation today. May we feel it in our bones, and in the stillness of this hour, may we sense it calling our name.
—Lisa Garcia-Sampson

Hymn *People Look East* #226

Reading *Excerpt from Untamed*
—Glennon Doyle

Joys and Concerns

Meditation

Musical Response *Let Christmas Come* #224

Offering

Offertory *Une Jeune Pucelle* (French Canadian melody)
arr. by Thomas Keesecker

Reading *Dark Testament, Verse 8*
— Rev. Pauline Murray

Hymn *In The Bleak Midwinter* #241

Sermon *Inhale* Wren Bellavance-Gray (*she/they*)

Hymn *Joy to the World* #245

Extinguishing the Chalice

We are in the story of the world. We are the world coming to know itself. May we trust that all you will ever say or do belongs in the story of the world.

— Ean Huntington Behr (adapted.)

Closing Words

Postlude *Creator of the Stars at Night* (Sarum chant/Hyfrydol)
arr. by Thomas Keesecker